

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing arrangement against a moving fabric in a paper machine, the fabric supporting a paper sheet, which sealing arrangement comprises

a stiff sealing element placed on a side of the fabric that faces away from the paper sheet, the sealing element covering the entire width of the fabric and comprising at least one labyrinth seal;

a bellows configured for moving the sealing element relative to the fabric[.,,];

wherein the sealing element is arranged on a support so that a location of the sealing element with respect to the fabric can be adjusted nearer to or further away from the fabric when the bellows expands or contracts; and

wherein upon depressurization of the bellows such that the bellows contracts, the sealing element is adjusted away from the fabric by gravitational forces, and upon pressurization such that the bellows expands, the sealing element becomes adjusted nearer to the fabric by the bellows.

2. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 1, wherein the sealing element comprises successive cross directional sealing element units.

6. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 1, wherein the sealing element further comprises a frame structure, the at least one labyrinth seal being replaceably supported in a driving position near the fabric by the frame structure.

7. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 6, wherein the at least one labyrinth seal comprises a multi labyrinth seal.

8. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 1, wherein a pressure medium is used to expand or contract the bellows.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 1, wherein the support comprises a hinge-like support element and the sealing element is supported, from its frame, on the hinge-like support element.

11. (Previously Presented) The sealing element of Claim 10, wherein the hinge-like support element is located higher than the sealing element.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 1, wherein the at least one labyrinth seal is made of aluminum board, paper board, or polymer at least regarding a part thereof that is near the fabric.

15. - 18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 5, wherein a pressure medium is used to expand or contract the bellows.

20. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 6, wherein a pressure medium is used to expand or contract the bellows.

21. (Previously Presented) The sealing arrangement of Claim 7, wherein a pressure medium is used to expand or contract the bellows.

22. - 39. (Canceled)